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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE SEVERAL TOPICS WE SUGGEST BE ADDRESSED
DURING THE UPCOMING EUR CONSULAR CONFERENCES:

A. CONSULAR OFFICER APPROVAL OF K-1 PETITIONS WHEN BOTH FIANCEES
IN CONSULAR DISTRICT. HARDSHIP NOW EXISTS BECAUSE OF LENGTHY
DELAY FOR APPROVAL AT MANY INS OFFICES. MANY FIANC(E)S ATTEMPT
TO PROCURE TOURIST VISAS FRAUDULENTLY BECAUSE OF DELAY.

B. AUTOMATIC 6TH PREFERENCE STATUS FOR APPROVED LABOR CERTI-
FICATIONS. WOULD SAVE A LOT OF UNNECESSARY PAPERWORK AND DELAY.

C. INCREASED AVLOS CAPACITY TO VISA OFFICE. DURING PEAK SEASON
IT IS QUITE DIFFICULT TO TRANSMIT NAMES PROMPTLY. SYSTEM
IS OVERCROWDED.

D. AUTOMATIC TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION FROM INS TO POSTS OF H
AND L PETITION APPROVAL WHETHER REQUESTED BY PETITIONER OR NOT.
PERHAPS FILING FEE COULD BE ADJUSTED TO REFLECT INCREASED COST
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OF CABLE TO POST OVERSEAS. WE MUST REPEATEDLY REQUEST THAT
ANXIOUS H AND L BENEFICIARIES CONTACT PETITIONERS IN U.S. TO
HAVE TELEGRAPHIC NOTIFICATION SENT. DELAYS RESULT IN MANY
APPLICANTS SHORT CIRCUITING PROCEDURE AND ENTERING ON B-2 S
AND ADJUSTING STATUS AFTER ENTRY. PRESUMABLY THIS RESULTS
IN EVEN MORE WORK FOR INS.

E. DELEGATION TO CONSULAR OFFICERS OF 212 (D) (3) (A) WAIVER AUTHORITY IN 28 CASES. ALTERNATIVELY, IN CASES WHERE INS HAS APPROVED INITIAL WAIVER, AND ASSUMING GROUNDS OF INELIGIBILITY UNCHANGED, CONOFF SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION, WITH POST FACTO NOTIFICATION TO INS.

F. RAISE AUTHORITY DELEGATED TO POSTS IN 7 FAM 375.4-2 TO EXPENDS FUNDS FOR DESTITUTES WITHOUT PRIOR DEPARTMENT APPROVAL FROM DOLS 50 TO DOLS 100. OFTEN DOLS 50 IS INSUFFICIENT TO ASSIST DESTITUTES TO REACH POINT OF CHARTER RETURN TO U.S. OR OTHERWISE ASSIST.

G. ESTATE CASE FUNDS MUST NOW BE RECORDED IN SDA AND FORWARDED TO USDO PARIS VIA EMBASSY, THE HAGUE. TO CLOSE OUT ESTATE WE REQUEST A U.S. DOLLAR CHECK FROM USDO. THIS DELAYS SETTLEMENT BY UP TO THREE WEEKS, WITH RESULTING COMPLAINTS FROM NEXT OF KIN. MOST OF OUR ESTATE CASES INVOLVE LESS THAN DOLS 100 IN CASH. WE REQUEST AUTHORIZATION, WHERE CASH DOES NOT EXCEED DOLS 100. TO RETAIN CASH ON HAND PENDING COMPLETION OF CASE. WE WOULD THEN PURCHASE LOCALLY, AT ESTATE S EXPENSE DOLLAR CHECK FOR TRDAVWOTAL TO NEXT OF KIN.
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